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THE CHEMICAL SOCIETY HELD GOOD MEETING

A. F. Robertson Was the Speaker of the Evening

INTERESTING LECTURE

Recounted Successes and Failures in the Handling of Crude Chemicals

The McGill Chemical Society held its regular fortnightly meeting last evening, and the large number of members and visitors were well repaid for their attendance. Mr. A. F. Robertson was the speaker of the evening, and the title of his paper, "Some Experiences in Manufacturing Chemistry." As chief chemist for the National Drug and Chemical Co., of this city, Mr. Robertson had many interesting chemical tales to tell, and he delighted the members by recounting both successes and failures in the handling of crude chemicals.

In opening the meeting, the president welcomed Mr. Robertson back as a McGill graduate and a member of the society. The speaker began his address by alluding to the attitude of his company at the time of the commencement of hostilities in Europe. This had been a conservative one, insofar as branching out into new fields was concerned, and, as events proved, the course adopted had proved a wise one. The main difficulty which confronted the manufacturing chemist at this time was the scarcity of potash in a pure state. Crude Canadian potash had to be worked up into either pure potassium carbonate or hydrate, but usually a mixture of the two resulted. This material had to be used for the manufacture of iodide, and great difficulty was encountered by the old method of preparation, due to the presence of silica in the potash. By first introducing iodine, however, into the potash solution, then evaporating to dryness and fusing to decompose any iodate formed, it was found possible to remove the excess of potassium carbonate by the use of iron.

Another interesting case was the operation of purifying strychnine, when the fact was brought out that very specific conditions govern the ability of the operator to obtain good yields of the pure product. The temperature of the solution, the concentration of the solute and the precipitant employed are factors which must be very carefully adjusted. The manufacture of pure atropine presented such difficulties that a satisfactory set of conditions was never obtained.

The preparation of heroin hydrochloride furnished an example of the care necessary in the handling of morphine and its derivatives. To obtain this compound it is necessary to treat pure anhydrous morphine with an excess of acetic anhydride and the result is a diacetyl derivative of a crystalline nature. This step in practice shows (Continued on Page 2.)

INTERMEDIATES LOSE BASKETBALL GAME

Railroad Y.M.C.A. Beat McGill for First Time This Year

The McGill Intermediates lost their first game last night when the Railroad Y.M.C.A. quintette defeated them by a score of 36-12. The game was played on the Railroad "Y" floor, and was witnessed by a large crowd of spectators.

The "Y" team were quite confident, and were familiar with the floor, whereas the Red and White team did not seem to be able to get started at any time throughout the game, although at times they forced the play for a short time. The Point St. Charles team seems well balanced, and will give a good argument to any of the teams in the intermediate section.

McGill is now tied for first place with the M.A.A.A. Intermediates, and will have to work hard to keep in the running. There are several new men who will be out, it is expected, and, with the requisite amount of training, a good team should be turned out.

The men who showed up best for the college team last night were Levitt and Kern. Levitt plays a consistent game all the time, and helps the team considerably. Kern may always be relied upon to play a good game on the defence. Brown also gave a good ex-

WHAT'S ON

To-day.

2.00 p.m.—Med. vs. Arts—Basketball—
at Central Y.M.
3.30 p.m.—Lecture at Art Gallery by
Lieut. Walker, R.N.

Coming.

Sun., Feb. 16, 9.00 p.m.—Sing at Union.
Feb. 21—Medical Dinner at Ritz-Carlton Hotel.
Feb. 28 — Union House Committee
Formal Dance.
March 14—Junior Dance.
March 19—Indoor Track Meet.

MCGILL WILL PLAY SHAMROCKS TO-NIGHT

Senior Basketball Team Will Play First Game Away From Home

The McGill Senior Basketball Team will play a scheduled game with Shamrocks, to-night, in the latter team's gymnasium.

The McGill team are leading the league at present, and have as yet to lose a game. Shamrocks have just split even in their games so far, but they have shown a great amount of aggressiveness on every occasion. They will be a hard team to defeat, and may be depended upon to give any team a stiff fight.

The Red and White have played all their games on their own floor, and will have a chance to show their ability when playing in another gymnasium, tonight. Should they defeat Shamrocks to-night, the halfway mark of the league will be passed without a single loss, and it will be a difficult matter to dislodge them from the top of the league standing.

The team has been practising steadily, and is in perfect shape to meet any of its opponents. It has been largely due to their condition that they have been successful in winning all their games, a fact very noticeable when they meet a fast team.

A large number of supporters will be on hand to cheer the McGill team and help to make the game interesting. Any men who wish to attend the game may meet with the team at 7.30 o'clock, in the Union.

BASKETBALL.

The Purdue University basketball team defeated the Ohio State University five by a score of 42 to 20 in an Intercollegiate Conference A. A. contest. The game was fast and rough, with Purdue tossers—excelling in speedy team play and accurate shooting. Eighteen men competed in the game, each coach sending in four substitutes. The score was 20 to 7 in favour of Purdue at the end of the first half.

Washington State College and Oregon Agricultural College divided their two-game basketball series, Washington State winning the first game, 31 to 20, and Oregon A. C. taking the second, 36 to 31.

Both games were hard fought and the issue was in doubt almost to the end. During the first half of the first game Washington State barely played even with Oregon; but the second half found them giving a better display of team work and basket shooting, with the result that they gradually drew away to a safe lead.

The second game was a battle royal, full of thrills and doubtful until the very last minutes of play. During the first half of the game Washington State had the better of the argument; but in the final moments of the second half Oregon took the lead through the brilliant basket shooting of McCart.

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The water-power of the St. Lawrence river belonging to Canada is estimated at 1,800,000 low-water continuous horse-power, according to a report of Arthur V. White, consulting engineer, Commission of Conservation, on the "Power Possibilities of the St. Lawrence River."

SKATING POSTPONED.

The Skating Party which was to have been held last night under the auspices of the Y.W.C.A. and Y.M.C.A., has been postponed indefinitely. It was thought that the Skating Party might take place to-night, but unfortunately it could not be arranged. However, it is hoped that it will be held at some future date, should the weather conditions prove favourable.

hibition. Livschin appeared for the first time this year in a McGill uniform.

JUNIOR PROM. WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 14

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Dance Will Be Held by Junior Year in Co-operation With Students' Council

The Junior Prom. will be held this year for the first time since it was forced to discontinue owing to war conditions. The Prom. was always one of the foremost social events of the college session, and it was with regret that it had to be stopped. However, the Junior Year are making plans to revive it this year, and it will undoubtedly resume its old place among the college functions.

It has been decided to hold the dance on Friday evening, March 14. This date has been decided upon owing to the fact that there were a multitude of other social events coming within the next few weeks, and it was thought advisable to give the student body ample notice.

As in the past, the Juniors will have the preference in the allotment of tickets, and when the Seniors have made their applications the remainder, if there should be any left, will be sold to the junior years. The number of tickets to be sold for the dance will be strictly limited, as it is the intention of the Junior Dance Committee that they should do away with any inconvenience caused by overcrowding the hall.

The Juniors and Seniors will have to signify their intentions about attending the affair at an early date, so that the Freshmen and Sophomores may be given plenty of time to make arrangements for the dance.

The dance will be held in the Union, as in former years, and will not be inferior in any respect to those held before the war. The subscription list for the dance has not been opened yet, but it is expected that it will be ready within a few days and reservations may then be made. Should any member of the first or second years wish to be certain of getting tickets for the dance, they may make application before hand for them and they will be attended to first when the few remaining tickets are ready to be distributed.

The Students' Council is co-operating with the Junior Year to make the dance a huge success, and in order to accomplish this they are running the dance under the auspices of both organizations. Owing to the fact that the Students' Council have joined with the Junior Year in putting on the dance, one of the informal dances originally planned has been cancelled. This action was taken because it was thought that a dance under the auspices of the Junior Year would be of more interest to the students than one of the informal dances would be.

MUCH INTEREST IN INDOOR TRACK MEET
List of Events Will Be Published in the Near Future

The Indoor Track Meet, to be held March 19, will undoubtedly be the biggest event of the session, as far as athletics are concerned.

Plans have already been prepared for the meet, and a large list of entries is assured. There will be several events of a distinctly novel character, which will assist materially in making the meet interesting. An invitation has been sent to the various military formations in the city to participate in a military relay race. Each formation will send a team of four men, and every man will sprint 220 yards.

There will be inter-faculty relay races, in which Macdonald College will be included. The programme of events for the meet will include almost every type of event usually seen at an outdoor meet, so that there will be an opportunity for all the students to take part in their favourite events.

The definite programme of events has not been drawn up, but it will be completed shortly.

The meet will probably take place in the Craig Street Drill Hall.



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THE HOCKEY TEAM—AN APPRECIATION.

As most of our readers are aware the Senior Hockey Team on Monday will play against the Victoria team, which has in its ranks some of the fastest players in the City League, and is well up in the standing of the clubs, having suffered defeat at the hands of Vickers alone. A win for the Red and White will mean a good deal and will probably result in a three-cornered tie for first place, if the protests made against the Vickers team are upheld. In any case the representatives of McGill are eager to avenge themselves for their previous defeat by Victorias, on which occasion they lost out by the odd goal in five, and to show once for all their superiority.

All the players are full of confidence as to the result of Monday's contest; but this does not mean that they are going to start out with any overweening hopes of an easy victory. They feel that given proper support, such as they have merited by the fine work they have put in during the last month, they will prove themselves individually and collectively the better team, if only by a narrow margin.

We wish to put forward one more reason why the students should strain every nerve to be present at this game to cheer on the team. In the past it has been rather to harp upon the duty every college man owes to his representatives, but unless the undergraduate knows just what sort of men these are he is, unfortunately enough, apt to prove somewhat unresponsive to the appeal. We should like to state that the hockey team is composed of "good sports."

Those who attended the game on Thursday night, when the college gained an easy victory over the weakened Shamrocks, appeared a bit disappointed that the regulars came upon the ice for only the briefest periods and left it for good long before the final gong. Some of the "rooters" would have preferred to see the "first string men" work hard from start to finish and pile up an enormous score, as beyond doubt they were able to. Most of us are familiar with teams of the sort that are not content with winning from a weaker organization by a comfortable margin, but must pile on the humiliation by making an exhibition of their opponents.

We may feel a certain pride in the fact that the Red and White does not belong to this class. Every substitute player on the team was given a real chance to show his ability, and the "regulars" showed no disposition to "hog" the goals as they might have done. In consequence, the spares were permitted to feel that they formed an active part of the line-up and that they were doing something towards bringing the championship of the league to McGill.

In an age when the old idea of "sport" as a means of cultivating a spirit of amicable competition seems rapidly dying out in favour of the "win at any price" system, an action such as this should not, we think, be allowed to pass without notice. May the representatives of Old McGill always show the same true appreciation of what is meant by "playing the game."

THE CHEMICAL SOCIETY HELD GOOD MEETING

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the tendency of morphine to break down into compounds of a very dark slimy nature, very difficult to handle. The next stage in manufacture is the neutralization of the solution by means of hydrochloric acid with the production of the hydrochloride where very careful work is necessary, otherwise, as costly experience has shown, a mass of derivatives results when the acidity of the solution is accentuated. The gratitude of the society to Mr. Robertson was expressed by the president before adjournment, and the members are looking forward to a renewal of the subject by the speaker at some future date.



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It is not easy to call back the boyhood days of a man who lived 350 years ago, and few actual facts are known about the youth of Shakespeare. If only somebody had known, when he was a boy, what a great man he was to become later, there might have been a record to-day of all his sayings and doings, just as there is of Dr. Samuel Johnson's, thanks to the devoted Boswell. But Will Shakespeare was doubtless much like other little English boys who lived at Stratford-on-Avon, so that we have to guess at what he did from reading books about the work and play of the Sixteenth Century.

Will Shakespeare lived with his father and mother, two brothers and two sisters, in a queer old house with a gabled roof and many small windows with tiny diamond-shaped panes of glass in them. His father was a busy man and an important one in the town, and, of course, his mother was occupied from morning until night with so many children to look after. Will was the oldest child, and the others were all much younger than he, excepting his brother, Gilbert, who was only two years younger. These two must have been great companions, playing together in narrow Henley Street, on which their home stood, except in the winter, when they probably stayed close beside the great kitchen fireplace. It is so wide and so deep that, on either side of the logs, right inside the fireplace itself, is a little seat. Will and Gilbert surely took these seats for their own, and crouched there snugly on winter evenings, watching the crackling, roaring flames, and looking up now and then to the cold stars in the small patch of sky which was just visible through the opening in the top of the big chimney. Any visitor to the Shakespeare house to-day can sit in one of these same seats, if he chooses.

But Will's play days stopped some time in the year 1571, when he was seven years old, and it was time for him to begin school. The Stratford Grammar School was only around the corner from Henley Street, so he had only a short distance to go, if, indeed, he did attend that famous old school, as we have some reason to suppose that he did. He would have climbed the outside staircase to the schoolroom on the second storey—a long, narrow room with tiny windows high up in the wall and oak rafters and cross-beams holding up the high, peaked roof. It was filled with long benches and desks, arranged lengthwise in the room, and in front of them, a big desk stood on such tall legs that the master had to keep his feet in order to see over it. All these things are quite true, because the schoolhouse is still there, but one has to imagine how well Will Shakespeare liked going to school there. I'm sure that, on a May day, when the sky was ever so blue and the trees and flowers never bloomed so fair, and all the birds were calling to

him to come out and sing with them, he found it just as hard to learn Latin verbs as boys and girls do now; aren't you? Surely Shakespeare was recalling feelings of his own when he, so long after those school days at Stratford, wrote of . . . "the whining schoolboy, with his satchel, And shining morning face, creeping like snail Unwillingly to school."

The Stratford Grammar School boys learned Latin and, perhaps, a little Greek and arithmetic; they wrote "Old English" characters or letters, which resemble the modern German script. But, before Shakespeare could do all these things you will say, he had to learn to read. Yes, and he was taught reading from such a curious book, called a "horn" book. It was a single leaf with printing on it, set in a frame of wood and covered with a thin plate of horn, which one could look through, like glass. Usually it had a handle and, through a hole in the handle, ran a cord, to hang the book at the boy's waist. On this leaf or book were printed the alphabet in large and small letters and a passage from the Bible. The Bible was then one of the few books written in English, which Will Shakespeare ever saw, for there were not many books in homes like his, and English was not taught in school. This is all that anyone can be certain that he learned at the Grammar School, but some think that he must have known French and Italian a little, too. One of his London friends, Ben Jonson, said of him that he knew "small Latin and less Greek," but that tells us nothing of other things which he may have known.

But the birds, as we remember, were calling Will to come out of doors, so now watch him put away his Latin grammar, with a sigh of relief, and clatter down the long staircase out into the spring sunshine. School hours were long in those days, beginning at six in the morning and lasting late into the afternoon, but

sometimes the boys were given free afternoons and there were frequent holidays. Will always ran as fast as ever he could to the open country, for nowhere are there sweeter woods and meadows than those about Stratford, with the river winding among them. What fun he had running in the meadows, chasing the bright butterflies and gathering handfuls of violets and daisies, wandering through the cool woodlands carpeted with yellow primroses. All the flowers, and many more, too, he tells us of in his plays, showing how well he remembered and loved them all. He must have enjoyed the out-of-doors better than most of the other boys, because he so filled his poetry with glimpses of Stratford scenery. But he played games, too—some that you know—like hide-and-seek, blind man's buff, prisoner's base, tennis, football, and other unfamiliar ones. Swimming in the Avon must have been popular in hot weather, while both boys and men liked to practice with bows and arrows. Great matches in archery were held, as we have golf and tennis tournaments, with many players.

Then, a great day it was in Stratford when the players came to town, and no boy was more delighted than Will Shakespeare. Their first appearance was when he was only five years old, but they came almost every year after that, and his father was sure to take his eldest son with him to the play, letting him stand between his knees, as he sat on the rough bench in the Guildhall, or town-hall, the theater of that time. There were frequent markets and fairs to interest boys, too, and festivals like May Day, with its flowers and ribbons, and dances around the "painted Maypole." There must have been trips, also, to neighbouring villages, such as Wilmore, Shakespeare's mother's home, and Shitterfield, where his father's brother lived. All around Stratford, through the wooded district of Arden, the name of Shakespeare was common.

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QUIPS**UNCLE SALT BASIN—EXAMS.**

I often sit alone and sigh and mop my brow and wonder why exams were ever begun; there's not a single bit of doubt that life would be quite bright without these pests for us to shun. Tell me, what pleasure can there be for wretched sinks like you and me if every now and then we have to grab a pile of notes and swot until we lose our coats, and eat our fountain pen? Why prattle on of college life when crime and lunacy are rife, all due to the exams., and say how happy is our lot when all the time we know it's not. Let's not be pious shams!

Exams are pious shams! I'll, we ever freely breathe until they're safely left behind; and yet as fast as one lot's gone another bunch is trundled on—our life is just one grind, and I, for one, can't see at all that there exists the slightest call for tortures such as they.

But speaking of exams, I might just say my ears are blue with fright. I've got one on to-day!!

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To-day's Perpetration.

Ques.—Why does a freshette looking at the steps of the Engineering Building remind you of the beach?

Ans.—On account of the waves.

Ques.—Why is an expert woodsman like a Fourth Year Med. playing poker?

Ans.—Cuz he makes the chips fly! (this way.)

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Dear Iva.—After stumbling along the avenue at night between the Library and the R.V.C., I should like to ask the following question: "Why is it that the University is so badly lit up?"

Yours affectionately,

VIOLET RAE.

Dear Violet.—We presume because the Prohibition Law has not yet come into effect.

Yours,

IVA PAYNE.

Dear Iva.—What is the good of all those books in the Library? No one will ever read half of them, you know.

Yours,

DICK SHUNARY.

Dear Dick.—You forgot, perhaps, that all the books in the Library are bound to be read.

Yours,

IVA PAYNE.

TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE.

I met a queen
Upon the rink;
She was just sixteen
—At least I think.
That was the age she gave to me,
And her face it was a dream to see.

She smiled at me—
O, holy smoke!!
So sweet was she
That my skate broke,
And I slid a mile upon my head,
Spun round—and tumbled out of bed!!!!

—Ayea Sen.

And a contributed one, Dear Iva. How do you like this one?

Ques.—Why is the Editor of Quips like an owl?

Ans.—Because he perpetually hoots "who? who?"

Yours in anguish,

WEEVA PAYNE.

(Who put the "dense" in correspondence?)

Dear Weeva.—How about this one?

"Why is the editor not like an owl?"

"Cuz he doesn't give a hoot." Oh, yes, oh yes!!

Who is the guy who'll put Weeva out of Payne?

Yours,

IVA PAYNE.

Ooh! (Contributed.)

Student Exam.
Night before
Cram.

Next day Exam.
Questions—
OH, DAMN!

Paper Puck
Student Puck.
Ed. Note.—Bunk!

Pickled Pomes.

Poetess,
Tons of ink—
Great result—
I don't think!!

Merry party,
College chaps.
R.V.C. quess—
Yes, perhaps,

—Ma Trick,

Thoughts of Hockey,
Overheard in the corridor—"Yes, the stick-handling was pretty good, all right, but what I liked best was the net-handling by the goal-keeper."

WHO is the student with the glassy stare?

WHO was the prof. who was noticed buying a bottle of perfume the other day?

WHO is the Med. who is searching for a member of Med. '19, with blood in his eye?

WHO is the Junior who recently declared that he was going to the R.V.C. dance "in a union suit"?

WHO was the R.V.C. Junior who was the happy recipient of a bee-ootiful box of candy with a heart on it? And her name inside the heart, too.

WHO are the R.V.C. students so fond of removing other peoples' hats at unseemly moments? and

WHAT effect does it have on other people?

WHO was the R.V.C. Sophomore who tried to leave a bone contribution in the Daily box last night?

WHO is the First Year student who writes notes on his "Daily" with reference to a reserved young lady who "talks to too many fellows"? and

WHAT would happen if there were only a few?

AND does the person to whom these notes were addressed agree with him?

WHO informed the table about Max and the climax of climatic conditions?

WHO is the R.V.C. Senior who gives such a tactful turn to her conversations at the rink?

WHO were the charming young men seen at the R.V.C. on Wednesday night?

WHERE did they come from and did they appear again?

WHO is the R.V.C. Soph. who is training to be a waiter?

WHO were the R.V.C. students who regretted that the editor forgot St. Valentine's Day?

WHO is the returned Science student who found himself out of place in geology class Friday morning?

WHO were the R.V.C. Senior who attacked the geology class room door on Friday afternoon at two?

WHO is the Soph. who goes to the movies and on returning doesn't know what she saw?

WHO are the two inseparable Sophs. who just love to be "quipped"?

WHO is the member of the Arts '22 executive who has a Spanish (?) friend?

WHO is the embryo engineer of Arts '22 who has such original ideas of the expansion of bridges?

AND WHY was he not employed as designing engineer for the Quebec bridge?

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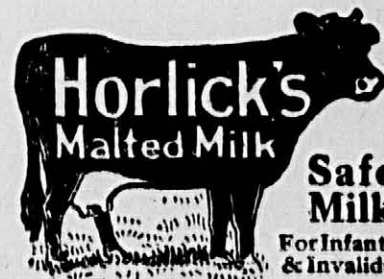
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NOTICES**Med. Basketball.**

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Cercle Français.

A meeting of the Cercle Français
will be held at the McGill Union, on
Tuesday evening, February 18th.
The members of the Société Française
will be the guests of the evening, and
the programme will consist mainly of
a joint debate in which members of
both societies will participate.

Found.

In the Arts Building. Apply janitor.
1 Fountain Pen.
2 Yale Keys.
1 Spectacle Case.
1 Wrist Watch Strap.

Mandolin Club.

There will be no practice of the
Mandolin Club next Monday night.

THE SOCIAL BACKGROUND

The Social Case Worker and the
Radical.

(The Public Health Journal.)

At a time when the case worker is
struggling to perfect a method which
shall be really scientific, and place
the work upon a solid professional
basis, that work is under criticism
from the radical section of the social
reform forces. The criticism is based
upon the fact that the case worker,
whose business it is to act the part of
social physician for families that are
socially abnormal, is really dealing
with results rather than causes. To
simply work at rehabilitating families,
while the social forces at work under-
mining the stability and formality of
other families are constantly operat-
ing, seems a futile kind of proceeding.
Just as the temperance worker was
quite early forced to focus attention
not upon the work of redeeming
drunkards but of closing the saloon
and dealing with such questions as
over fatigue and insufficient nutri-
tion as casual factors in creating a
demand for stimulants, so it is argued
to-day that the social worker should
focus attention, not upon individual
cases of poverty and social maladjust-
ment, but rather upon the conditions
of society, industrial and educational
which are turning out this steady
stream of individual families which
have lost the power of self-helpful-
ness.

Our friend the radical occupies a
strong position, and performs an es-
sential task in thus insisting upon us
knowing where we are going, and
what it is in the final analysis we are
trying to do. The radical tells us the
real problem is to reconstruct society
and with this no sane individual could
possibly have any quarrel. But the
task of reconstructing society is not
one to be accomplished over night,
nor will it ever be accomplished by
the fulfillment of a formula; and in
the thunder of contradictory voices
the modern man may be forgiven some
confusion.

It is the thesis of this article that
the social case worker has a very
definite and valuable function to per-
form and that, while the utmost at-
tention should be given to those
thinkers who would point out the ul-
timate goal to be reached and thus
give vision and interpretation to all
the striving, the chief business of the
social case worker at the present
time in Canada especially where social
work is still in its rudimentary stage
is to develop a technique which shall
be really scientific and exact. Case
work may have its limitation but it
has written and is still writing an
important chapter in the history of
social progress. One might just as
well find fault with the physician for
treating cases which really have their
origin in bad housing or industrial
conditions as to criticize the social
worker for treating the socially mor-
bid cases which often spring from pre-
cisely the same causes. The phy-
sician gathered facts, while treating
his isolated cases, which led to
drastic sanitation laws. The social
worker may also heal his sick on the
basis of experience gained under wise
leadership as to the nature and re-
moval of causes.

The term "case worker" as applied
to social work, it of comparatively
recent use and is an expression of that
spirit which is trying to make social
work exact and accurate. The social
worker of an older generation thought
his task a comparatively simple one.
It was to provide institutions for cer-
tain types of dependent classes and
to differentiate rigidly and sternly
between worthy and unworthy cases
of those applying for relief. The worthy

were those who had fallen into mis-
fortune through no particular fault
of their own and were honestly doing
their best to help their circumstances.
The unworthy were frauds trying to
capitalize the sympathy of a too-cred-
ulous public. Such a naive attitude is
of course, only possible where there
exists an almost complete lack of un-
derstanding of the complexity and in-
teraction of the forces in play upon
any particular family and one can
only wonder at the sublime faith in
themselves of those social workers
who undertook to classify a family on
the basis of a five minute interview
and to dole out soup and bread
tickets accordingly.

The case worker of to-day makes
a careful study of each individual or
family which has become dependent
or delinquent, marshals the evidence
from a wide variety of sources and
on the basis of this makes a diagnosis
of the case and marks out a certain
line of action, designed not to tide
the family over temporarily but to
bring it back to social health and
normality. In this process all the
healthful and stimulating agencies
are brought to bear. Very often no
relief at all is given but only help-
ful counsel and information as to the
sources which may be utilized in self-
help. The social worker falls fre-
quently but possibly has no higher
percentage of failures than the medi-
cal practitioner. The service to the
community is perhaps no less im-
portant, for its net result when suc-
cessful is to take a socially incom-
petent individual or family and restore
them to normal and useful life. The
social value of the case worker may
then be roughly tabulated as fol-
lows:—

1. The case worker acts as a kind
of social physician trying to discover
the real weakness whether of char-
acter or circumstance, which has led
the family into dependency.
2. The case worker acts as an ad-
viser and friend.
3. The case worker cares for cases
of distress.
4. The case worker gathers detail-
ed first-hand information which is so

R. V. C. NOTES

The R.V.C. Glee Club will meet at
7.30, tonight.

The Alliance Française will hold its
fifth reunion for the season of 1918-
1919 on February 19, at 8.15. M. Mar-
cel Morand, a member of the French
High Commission at Washington, will
lecture on Anatole France in the Ritz-
Carlton. Members of the Société in-
terested are invited to attend.

necessary as a basis for wise social
action.

To listen too intently to the radical
means a paralysis of all present ef-
fort; not to listen at all, means that
the present task is unilluminated
with objective and vision. The task
of the social case worker at the pre-
sent time is to perfect as rapidly as
possible a scientific technique that he
may do the better his present impor-
tant work of formal re-habilitation
with the full knowledge that the
work is not entirely an end in itself,
but if directed by vision and intelli-
gence becomes part of that success-
ful effort to make organized social
life at once humane and just. The
ideal state comes not with observa-
tion, nor by the fulfillment of any
formula, but widens into longer areas
of life through effort which pursued
in many directions is yet actuated by
the single will to serve.

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YALE DEFEATED.

Giving an exhibition of team and in-
dividual playing hardly to be expected
considering the fact that the team has
been greatly handicapped this winter
through having no indoor rink on
which to get steady practice, the Har-
vard varsity hockey team captained
and coached by R. E. Gross '19 de-
feated the Yale varsity seven.

The Harvard seven gave a splendid
exhibition of team playing, the four

forwards going down the rink well to-
gether and passing the puck finely.
This was so even when a number of
substitute players had been sent into
the game, although Yale's lone goal
was scored when the substitutes were
playing. Harvard appeared to have
a number of players of almost equal
ability.

Yale played a fairly good game, but
had to depend almost entirely on in-
dividual playing as the men did not
seem to be well coached in team play.
Both teams played at top speed
throughout the contest and the game
was remarkably free from unneces-
sary roughness.

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at Indian Head, Saskatchewan. The
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other conifers were included in the
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